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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	: Terry Harmston)	Date: August 6, 2002
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Serial No.	: 10/046,682)	RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE
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Filed	: 01/16/2002)	Group Art Unit 3634
)	Ex.: Alvin C. Chin Shue
For	: Ladder Step and Platform)	
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Hon. Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 15, 2002

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Examiner's first action of the above date.

Without prejudice and without admitting anticipation, Cancel Claims 1-8 and substitute therefore, the following new Claims.

9. A step and platform for use with a ladder which ladder is provided with a pair of laterally spaced stiles forming the sides of the ladder, each stile having a depth and width and including a plurality of spaced climbing rungs extending between and secured to the depths of the stiles, the step and platform including:

- a. a pair of longitudinally extending, spaced side members, each of side members having at least a top and bottom surface and an inner and an outer side surface and being of a length to be received between rungs of the ladder;
- b. the spacing between said outer side surfaces of said side members being determined to